

REMARKS

The attached copy of the "Notice of Omitted Item(s)", dated October 16, 2003, indicates that Figs. 16 and 17, referred to in the specification, were omitted from the drawings originally filed with the application.

In response, the original specification is hereby amended to delete references to Figs. 16 and 17. This corresponds to option III described in the “Notice of Omitted Item(s)”.

The Applicant contends that these amendments fully address the inconsistencies created by the omitted items, and request that the application be timely examined.

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